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Freshman Honor List

The following members of the freshman class have passed all subjects for the first term:

Marie Gertrude Barry, Lowell, Mass. (Notre Dame Academy, Lowell).

Arthur Leon Bertrand, Lowell, Mass. (Lowell High School and Boston College High School).

Thomas Dickson Ferguson, Jr., Little Falls, N. Y. (St. Petersburg (Fla.) High School and John B. Stetson University).

Leo Gleklen, Lynn, Mass. (Classical High School, Lynn).

Joseph Glowacki, Andover, Mass. (Punchard High School and Northeastern University).

Stanley Squire Hockridge, North Adams, Mass. (Drury High School, North Adams).

Lorne Fernley Howard, North Chelmsford, Mass. (Chelmsford High School).

Bessie Lifland, Roxbury, Mass. (Girls' High School, Boston).

Francis Gerard McDougall, Lowell, Mass. (Lowell High School).

Herbert Eugene Meinelt, Lawrence, Mass. (Lawrence High School).

Joseph James Pizzuto, Jr., Pittsfield, Mass. (Pittsfield High School).

George Preston Silva, Lowell, Mass. (Lowell High School).

Ned Spaulding, Hudson, N. H. (Nashua High School).

Tang Helung Yuan, Wusih, China. (St. John's University, (Shanghai) and Soochow University (Soochow).

Wang Yun Cheng, Shanghai, China. (Shanghai College).

The Voice of the Pulpit

(From the Kansas City Star)

"Ice and Sand."
"This Hard Boiled Age."
"Radio Christians."
"The Modern Babel."
"Victim and Victor."
"Blossom Time in the Desert."
"Men of Sorrows."
"Heart Searching."
"How to Be Happy Tho' a Church Member."
"Mockers at Sin."

Did you think they were movie titles, you poor heathen? Well, they were titles of sermons preached in Kansas City recently.

The Key To Men's Clothes

(From the Chicago Tribune)

In their general design men's clothes were fixed about one hundred years ago, and the garments that went with cold, ill heated houses, stage coaches and the undeveloped sanitary and heating systems of that time have come down today without a fundamental change. It was a hard-working but unathletic age, and the variety of movement and freedom of today was not then customary. Our warm houses and quiet summers, our delicacies and means for cleanliness could not be much considered then. Clothes were warm, close wrappings of heavy woolen goods and were washed rarely. The times were stuffy, and the stuffy clothes that men wore then survive now in a different age. Where women fit their clothes to the modern needs, men keep the ancient model.

The key to the men's clothes problem is about the waist, and here the main improvement must be made. Without his coat a man looks undressed and awkward, bulgy and anything but beautiful. His shirt is tucked in. His trousers end without echat somewhere south of his armpits, and whether he wears belt or galluses the effect is far from pleasing. Being an easily embarrassed creature man therefore wears his coat, summer and winter, and usually a vest besides. They are ungainly garments, binding, stiff with buckram, and the heavy collar and the padded shoulders, where they should be cool, make summers miserable. To our warm winter houses they are unsuited, to pleasant summers they are the chief enemy. But men dare not take off their coats.

When man will wear a blouse of washable material to replace the present tucked in shirt, a fundamental gain in clothes for him will be ushered in. It should be a blouse of fairly heavy cotton goods, hanging outside the trousers. It should reach down to the hips and should hang straight, or be bound below by a wide band of elastic. A light, loose belt might be worn outside of it.

With such a blouse a man could remove his coat and look well dressed. His coat, indeed, would be a garment like an overcoat, that would be worn according to the temperature. With a blouse below, with its attached collar and a tie, the coat could be discarded gracefully except as it is needed.

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A. S. M. E. TRIP

The A. S. M. E. made a very successful trip to the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. in Salem, on Feb. 15. The bus arrived in Salem about 12.30 and all had luncheon before going over to the mill. Here each step of the process from the warehouse to the enormous weave shed was reviewed. Many of the latest phases of processing in a modern cotton mill were picked up by the observant engineers.

Although they were unable to visit the bleachery and finishing plant which were in Danvers the entire group of thirty engineers were well satisfied with the trip.

BASKETBALL

With but two games remaining on the schedule before the final contest with Worcester Tech on March 9th, the Red and Black squad is on its toes in anticipation of a victory. A win over Worcester will make a mediocre season turn into one of the most successful, for it has been many years since Textile has been able to defeat Tech on its home floor. If the team plays in the whirlwind style that it used to defeat the U. of Maine there should be little doubt regarding the outcome. As a bit of comparison, U. of Maine defeated Worcester two nights after playing Textile.

The U. of Maine game was the one bright spot in the last two weeks of play. If Textile could only play more games in this fashion the number of victories would be swelled considerably.

The losing games were with Providence College (2), Trinity and Newport Naval. In some cases the results were due to the long schedule and the amount of travel that the squad has done.

Tufts and U. S. Coast Guard are the next two games. The Tufts game at Medford should be a thriller for their record does not show any superabundance of power.

The Coast Guard game on March 1st is the last home game of the season. Textile should come through with a win and then be on a fine edge to beat Worcester Tech on the 9th.

Notes By Sir Joseph Banks On Primitive Cloth Making

Taken During Captain Cook's First Voyage in 1768

The south sea islanders show their greatest ingenuity in marking and dyeing cloth; in the description of these operations, especially the latter, I shall be rather diffuse, as I am not without hopes that my countrymen may receive some advantage, either from the articles themselves, or at least by hints derived from them.

The material of which it is made is the internal bark or fibor of three sorts of trees, the Chinese paper mulberry, the bread-fruit tree, and a tree much resembling the wild fig-tree of the West Indies. Of the first, which they name aouta, they make the finest and whitest cloth, which is worn chiefly by the principal people; it is likewise the most suitable for dyeing, especially with red. Of the second, which they call ooroo, is made a cloth inferior to the former in whiteness and softness, worn chiefly by people of inferior degree. Of the third, which is by far the rarest, is made a coarse, harsh cloth of the colour of the deepest brown paper: it is the only one they have that at all resists water, and is much valued; most of it is perfumed and used by the very great people as a morning dress. These three trees are cultivated with much care, especially the former, which covers the largest part of their cultivated land. Young plants of one or two years' growth only are used; their great merit is that they are thin, straight, tall, and without branches; to prevent the growth of these last they pluck off with great care all the lower leaves and their germs, as often as there is any appearance of a tendency to produce branches.

Their method of manufacturing the bark is the same for all the sorts: one description of it will therefore be sufficient. The thin cloth they make thus: when the trees have grown to a sufficient size they are drawn up, and the roots and tops cut off and stripped of their leaves; the best of the aouta are in this state about three or four feet long and as thick as a man's finger, but the ooroo are considerably larger. The bark of these rods is then slit up longitudinally, and in this manner drawn off the stick; when all are

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE, 1929

The basketball schedule with the results of the games played.

		Textile	Opponents
Jan.	4—Fall River Textile at Lowell	27	22
Jan.	7—Middlebury at Middlebury	22	29
Jan.	8—U. of Vermont at Burlington, Vt.	13	23
Jan.	9—St. Michael's at Winooski	18	38
Jan.	10—Norwich at Northfield	40	38
Jan.	16—Northeastern at Lowell	30	28
Jan.	18—Clark at Lowell	24	21
Jan.	26—Fitchburg Normal at Lowell	19	25
Jan.	31—Holy Cross at Worcester	31	50
Feb.	1—Assumption at Worcester	19	17
Feb.	2—Clark at Worcester	29	17
Feb.	6—Amherst at Amherst	28	41
Feb.	7—Mass. Aggie at Amherst	18	35
Feb.	9—Northeastern at Boston	28	42
Feb.	11—Harvard at Cambridge	20	32
Feb.	12—Providence at Providence	21	31
Feb.	19—U. of Maine at Lowell	33	21
Feb.	22—Newport Naval at Newport	21	34
Feb.	23—Trinity at Hartford	9	23
Feb.	26—Providence at Lowell	38	51
Feb.	27—Tufts at Medford	24	31
Mar.	1—U. S. Coast Guard at Lowell		
Mar.	9—Worcester Tech at Worcester		

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EDITORIALS

The lack of discipline in the recent assemblies has been provocative of much caustic comment on the part of the members of the faculty and the executive department of the school. The comment has been severely critical in a sense that is far from constructive. Remedies suggested by the more outspoken members of the instructing staff have ranged from one wherein the noisemakers, termed as "dirty young pups", would be taken for a long walk into the outlying districts by the more holy and righteous of the student body, to one that in effect suggests the possibility that the savage beasts might be soothed by oratory on the part of the president of the Senior Class. All of these remedies have the same common fault—they would apply drastic measures to the effect, and simultaneously neglect the cause. Required attendance at an assembly will never breed respect; compulsion can never foster co-operation and good-fellowship. It is granted that there is no excuse for ungentlemanly restlessness in our assemblies—there is no excuse in these times for ignorance of the conventions, but it must be remembered that the cure lies in the hands of the executives of the school, and that this cure consists of more co-operation.

STATISTICS

Twenty-two students received a pass mark by adding three points for perfect attendance to their final mark.

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Seven students received a pass mark in two subjects in the same way.

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One student had saved all his cuts in three subjects and was saved from taking three re-examinations.

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Nine students have to take re-exams, because of overcuts.

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Nine would have received a pass mark instead of an F if they had taken no cuts.

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THE MORAL IS OBVIOUS.

Experimenting on Xylose

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the University of Alabama, co-operating through the Alabama Industrial Development Board have arranged to work with the United States Bureau of Standards in the erection and operation of a small factory in which experiments can be made on the recovery of xylose from cotton seed bran and peanut shells, on a semi-commercial scale, according to the Department of Commerce. The plant is now under construction at Anniston, Ala.

In this plant, xylose, a rare sugar at present selling for about $100 per pound but possessing properties which ought to make it a desirable material for use in the food, textile and leather industries, may soon be recovered on a commercial scale and marketed at a price of perhaps fifty cents a pound, it is believed.

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NOTES ON PRIMITIVE CLOTH MAKING

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stripped, the bark is carried to some brook or running water, into which it is laid to soak with stones upon it, and in this situation it remains some days. When sufficiently soaked the women servants go down to the river, and stripping themselves, sit down in the water and scrape the pieces of bark, holding them against a flat smooth board, with the shell called by the English shell merchants Tiger's tongue, dipping it continually in the water until all the outer green bark is rubbed and washed away, and nothing remains but the very fine fibres of the inner bark. This work is generally finished in the afternoon: in the evening the pieces are spread out upon plantain leaves, and in doing this I suppose there is some difficulty, as the mistress of the family generally presides over the operation. All that I could observe was that they laid them in two or three layers, and seemed very careful to make them everywhere of equal thickness, so that if any part of a piece of bark had been scraped too thin, another thin piece was laid over it, in order to render it of the same thickness as the rest. When laid out in this manner, a piece of cloth is eleven or twelve yards long, and not more than a foot broad, for as the longitudinal fibres are all laid lengthwise, they do not expect it to stretch in that direction, though they well know how considerably it will in the other.

In this state they suffer it to remain till morning, by which time a large proportion of the water with which it was thoroughly soaked has either drained off or evaporated, and the fibres begin to adhere together, so that the whole may be lifted from the ground without dropping in pieces. It is then taken away by the women servants, who beat it in the following manner. They lay it upon a long piece of wood, one side of which is very even and flat, this side being put under the cloth: as many women then as they can muster, or as can work at the board together, begin to beat it. Each is furnished with a baton made of hard wood, otea: it is about a foot long and square with a handle; each of the four faces of the square are many small furrows, whose width differs on each face, and which cover the whole face. They begin with the coarsest side, keeping time with their strokes in the same manner as smiths, and continue until the cloth, which extends rapidly under these strokes, shows by too great thinness of the groves which are made in it that a finer side of the beater is requisite. In this manner they proceed to the finest side, with which they finish; unless the cloth is to be of that very fine soft hoboo, which is almost as thin as muslin. In making this last they double the piece several times, and beat it out again and afterwards bleach it in the sun and air, which in these climates produce whiteness in a very short time. But I believe that the finest of their hoboo does not attain either its whiteness or softness until it has been worn some time, then washed and beaten over again with the very finest beaters.

Of this thin cloth they have almost as many different sorts as we have of linen, distinguishing it according to its fineness and the material of which it is made. Each piece is from nine to fifteen yards in length, and about two and a half broad. It serves them for clothes in the day and bedding at night. When, by use, it is sufficiently worn and becomes dirty, it is carried to the river and washed, chiefly by letting it soak in a gentle stream, fastened to the bottom by a stone, or, if it is very dirty, by wringing it and squeezing it gently. Several of the pieces of cloth so washed are then laid on each other, and being beaten with the coarsest side of the beater, adhere together, and become a cloth as thick as coarse brown-cloth, than which nothing can be more soft or delicious to the touch. This softness, however, is not produced immediately after the beating: it is at first stiff as if newly starched, and some parts not adhering together as well as others it looks ragged, and also varies in thickness according to any faults in the cloth from which it was made.

Baseball and Science

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

The Cardinals have signed as coach a former ball player who once upon a time caught a ball tossed from the top of Washington monument.

The scientists said it could not be done. They used terrifying terms, such as momentum and velocity. They said a ball dropped from that height would not rebound but would bore deep into the earth.

The ball players were scared, but not convinced. They decided to try it. First they threw a ball to see just what would happen. Instead of drifting gayly into China the ball bounded back toward the top of the monument. At about 40 feet old gravity stopped the return flight. One theory smashed. Then Mr. Street donned his catcher's mitt and, after several dizzy efforts, finally caught the ball.

Earlier in the annals the curved ball was the subject of much controversy. Alonzo Stagg, the grey Chicago coach, was at that time pitching Yale to monotonous victory. Stagg had all there was in the twirling repertory of his day—a plummet-like drop, sweeping curve and all but invisible speed. Ponderous professors ruled the curve non est. It couldn't be done. Stagg took the bigwigs out to the ball field, set up a couple of stakes longitudinally about three feet apart, and buzzed one through. The ball passed to the right of the first stake, broke in a graceful curve and was caught to the left of the second stake.

"What a trajectory!" gasped a dozed professor.

"What a pippin of a curve!" exclaimed a pop-eyed onlooker.

So, the standing reads:—

	Games Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
Baseball	2	2	0	1.000
Science	2	0	2	.000

College Girls Vamp Way, Men Teachers Admit It

The masculine professors in our universities are being vamped, writes Uthal Vincent Willeox in "Plain Talk." When a high mark is needed to qualify scholastically for a sorority or a good intelligence score must be made, then the heavy intellects of the masculine profundities are lubricated with a little feminine personality and, presto, all is well.

Dean Anna Loretta Rose of George Washington University is also quoted as saying, "The man instructors frequently come to my office seeking, on one pretext or another, a chance to favor the girls in their classes. Sometimes they urge me to help out 'just this once' and sometimes 'because their girl pupils feel so badly.' It amounts to the same thing, though. They don't mark the young men and young women impartially."

Just when the intelligence tests have reached that point of development where they have achieved a measure of reliability, "popularity" or "personality" or "charm" or IT enters, to upset the applecart. The woman student plays up to her instructor because she recognizes the opportunity to succeed by such methods. The men glory in their attitude of kind-heartedness. They are being worked and they know it.

—Our chief lesson in life is to understand that we are very much like everybody else. (Los Angeles Times).

EXPERIMENTING ON XYLOSE

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The investigation of xylose is part of an extensive research program which the Bureau of Standards is conducting with the object of finding uses for the waste products of agriculture.

Progress in Business

(From Parking and Shipping)

Speaking of progress reminds us that recently in our mail, we noticed the following paragraph from one of our good friends and contributors, "Records of two large manufacturers taken over a period of years, show that more than 50 per cent of the recommendations of their research and designing departments were translated into business." We happen to know both of these companies and have followed with interest, their work in this direction for the past several years. A staff of specialists trained in the art of research and design are maintained, this talent being supplemented by container testing laboratory facilities where a prospective customer may be taken and shown without cost to him, how, why and where a new design of container or packing may be an improvement over the old. Any shipper of goods in considerable quantities that is not directing proper thought to his packing problems along these lines, is passing up what may prove to be a good bet.

WHAT THE YOUNG MAN WON'T WEAR

By the way, what has become of all the bobbies? Only those of us whose memories date back a half century or more will understand what the word means. All the men and some of the women used to wear them in winter time. They were long knitted scarfs with tasseled ends. We wound them about our necks a time or two and let the ends hang down, usually one in front and the other behind. Those ends were picturesque nuisances. Eventually the nubia was discarded in favor of the muffler, which now seems a permanent part of the masculine wardrobe. (Monroe county, Mo., Appeal.

DID HE GET A TOOTHPICK?

Russell Sisler while in St. Louis last week, had his Marmon-8 stolen from in front of the Chinse hotel, where he went for a toothpick. He had locked the door of the car, but left the key to the switch in the car and someone wrenched off the door and drove off the car in which he had his grip in which were some $25 worth of radio tubes and other valuables. The police found his car, but his grip is still in the hands of goshnosewho. (Dexter, Mo., Statesman.)

HOLDING HIS TRADE

One Emporia butcher would do most anything to accommodate a customer. Wednesday a youth asked for a certain kind of bread at the butcher shop, refusing several other kinds when he learned the butcher was out of the special brand. The butcher gave the boy a dime, and charged it on the account while the boy went to another store for the bread.—Emporia Gazette.

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FRATERNITIES

SIGMA OMEGA PSI

Since our advent into the new house affairs until recently the rather dull, are livening up to the extent that most of the evenings seem to be rather full. One night finds a lively discussion on the number of chipmuzees in Peru, while another finds a lively discussion on the advantage of a "Lowell Textile Institute" education.

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The mogar sessions seem to be rather plentiful and when at least 5 of the boys take a hand in it, there is sure to be plenty of exchanging.

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Then again the S. O. P. band keeps the house pretty lively. With a paddle as traps, a pair of shoes as a bass and a few helping voices, any jazz tune can be struck up, that will do justice to any of Lowell's jazz emporiums.

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The story proceeds, that few of the boys attended one of Lowell's high light affairs one day last week and their conditions certainly did not warrant exactly that of gentlemen.

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However, we hope that their behavior was fit to be spoken about.

DELTA KAPPA PHI

Johnnie Bates was in Lowell lately renewing old acquaintances. "Bateslo" is with a leather concern in Haverhill, engaged in research work.

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Kewpie Pilligian acted as cheer leader at the Trinity game. He was very successful in blocking the view of the spectators, but the motions and the sinuous hip movements were perfect. The long cheer for Kewpie!

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Fred Orme, the boy from Providence, has severed connections with the Institute after spending a most enjoyable term.

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Many of our brother alumni were present at the Trinity game.

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Tony Orlauski is learnin' about swimmen during his commuting trips daily. Must not ask too many questions, Tony!

YES, THAT'S US, U. S.

(From the Washington Post)

You can tell a civilized country—it's one where people kill the birds and then spend millions to fight insects.

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We wonder if Dick Brook misses his (Charlie) Bacon.

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Instead of home-warming, it has been pants-warming for the past few weeks.

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Friar Fenn and Foo-Foo Ferguson are going to match pennies to find out which one of them is to get the next sign from Dracut.

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Last Thursday, the Sophomore Engineers ran a boiler test at the Sterling Mills. They brought back enough samples to keep the chemists busy for a week.

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Textile played a part in the home-welcoming of Eddie Wineapple at Salem last Tuesday. Incidentally, our team played before about the largest crowd that has ever witnessed a Textile basketball team in action.

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The general feeling around the Institute appears to be unanimous that the basketball team has had too long a season. A few more home games might have made a big difference. Even the team feels the effect of a strenuous season. We have too much school work and too little time to put into athletics. Athletics require a certain amount of preparation.

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Baseball will soon be starting. Some of the college teams and big leagues have started their annual spring training.

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The invisible loss in cotton is probably due to the amount of fibers that are caried away on the fellows' clothes. Blue serge is preferred as the cotton shows on the cloth.

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Mr. Kennedy does not pretend to be a ball player and anyway, they only use one ball in a game at a time. Carpenter had the right angle.

OMICRON PI

The fraternity fire department is being reorganized and it is now a common sight to see Hunter throwing meat out every morning in an endeavor to round up his dogsled team. In regard to this it might also be stated that Matthews has sent home for his bicycle.

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The powers that be should celebrate the fact that at least one of our midst spent his vacation in secluded study though we have yet to find out what Anderson was studying.

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M. A. Jones spent last week-end in seclusion studying time-tables and the whereabouts of one of the fairer sex at various intervals.

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Furguson has revived the cry "On to Vicksburg" though Vick's took him like Grant took Richmond.

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As house-party time approaches we find that "Red" Jones is again to link up with Miss New Haven in the mad Whirl.

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Among the alumni present at our formal initiation of freshmen were: Royal P. White, '04, A. A. Stewart, '00, Henry Bidwell, '18, C. W. Churchill, '95, whose son was one of the neophytes, and R. F. Burtt, '28.

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"Bitt" Smith, '26, of the Bureau of Standards returned to the house last week-end together with Fred Sturtevant, '26, of New York and "Jack" Fairweather, '28, of Jackson Heights, L. I.

Trevors was in the huddle the other morning with a cerain young lady from up-stairs.

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How about setting up those pool tables in that new room that has been built in the hand loom room. Huh, who said that?

Tests for Linen

It is easy and sensible to be your own linen expert in shopping for table damasks, and a few suggestions will help to make you a discriminating buyer.

Do not try to pick your linens while wearing gloves—cotton cloth will feel almost as smooth, under these conditions, as a linen cloth.

In order to be certain of your cloth, remove a thread from the fabric, hold one end upright, wet it and tauten with the finger. A linen thread as it dries will revolve anti-clockwise. If the thread is not linen, it will revolve clockwise.

A drop of water on a linen cloth will be immediately absorbed. No other material has such a dramatic way of drinking.

Linen has an unmistakable look of liveness, which is impossible to introduce artificially into a substitute material offered as linen.

A linen thread pulled apart has a soft fluffy appearance. The strands pull from one another and do not break off sharply.

The fineness of linen is arithmetically determined by the number of threads to the square inch, and the accompanying heightened luster.

Your finest linen cloths, imported from Ireland and Scotland, actually smell of the earth, the rain and the sun.

THE KEY TO MEN'S CLOTHES

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Already this evolution of men's clothes is taking place on the golf links and in the forest. The sweater coat and the flannel hunting blouse are somewhat similar to the blouse for daily wear. A washable blouse hanging outside of the trousers is the key to future improvements in men's dress.

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